

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
& PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes of Meeting
May 12, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance No. 4-2014: Providing for an Amendment to Chapter 2 of the Winslow Ordinances by adding the Agricultural Commission Charter.

2. Order No. 2-2014: Providing for Approval of the Town of Winslow 2014-2015 Fiscal Budget Series in the amount of \$21,284,338 and to Establish a Tax Due Date and Interest Rate on Taxes Remaining Unpaid.

With no Public Comment Chairman Saint Amand closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Roll call attendance was taken with seven (7) members present.

Ray Caron, Ken Fletcher, Catherine Nadeau, Jerry Quirion, Steve Russell, Gerald Saint Amand and Benjamin Twitchell.

Michael Heavener, Town Manager was present along with several Department Heads.

2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell that the minutes of the meeting held April 14 be approved. Motion carried. Unanimous.

4. Appointments

Motion by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mr. Russell to appoint James Byrne as a Cemetery Trustee for a 6-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to appoint Caleb Albert to the Planning Board to complete James Veilleux's term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to appoint William Boucher as Kennebec Water District Trustee to complete Carl Allen's term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

5. Communications

- a. Legislative Update
- b. Other
 - 1. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Water District meetings held April 3 and April 17.
 - 2. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District meeting held March 20.
 - 3. Copy of Winslow School Board Agenda for April 28.
 - 4. Copy of KVCOG newsletter "The Dispatch".
 - 5. Copy of Letter from Municipal Review Committee regarding PERC.

6. Reports of Committees and Commissions

- a. Town Manager's Report

FY2015 SCHOOL BUDGET AMENDMENT

After the first reading of the FY2015 Municipal Budget Order (No. 2-2014) the School Department was informed that they would be receiving \$11,315 less in State Aid to Education. In response, the School Department amended their budget and are now intending to use their surplus to cover the \$11,315 revenue shortfall.

In the Council packet is an amended School Budget that reflects the intended use of surplus to cover the revenue shortfall. The FY2015 Budget Order remains unchanged.

ELECTRICITY RATES EXPECTED TO INCREASE

As you know, we have an Electricity Supply agreement with Maine Power Options. Attached to this report is information I have received from Maine Power Options regarding expected increases in electricity prices of approximately 44%. The primary cause of the price increase can be attributed to increases in the capacity costs for transport of natural gas to our region.

Our agreement with Maine Power Options expires on June 30th and they plan to provide us with some renewal options very soon. If we experience a 44% increase in electricity costs then our proposed FY2015 budget could have a deficit of approximately \$12,000 in budgeted electricity costs.

EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

In the Council packet is Ordinance No. 6-2014, which if approved would exempt qualifying Winslow residents serving in the military from paying their vehicle excise tax. The state law authorizing this exemption took effect on January 1, 2012

PSAP CALL HANDLING AGREEMENT

Our PSAP call handling agreement with the Somerset County Communication Center will expire on June 30th. In the Council packet is Order No. 5-2014, which if approved will authorize me to renew the agreement for two more years. For the first year of the agreement our costs will remain the same. Our costs will increase by 5% or \$467.64 in the second year of the agreement.

COMCAST TO ACQUIRE TIME WARNER

As you may already know, Comcast is acquiring Time Warner Cable. In the Council packet is

Resolution No. 13-2014, which if approved will give our consent to the transaction as a Franchise Authority.

PROPOSED NG PIPELINE TIF PROJECTS

Attached to this report is a list of possible TIF projects associated with the proposed NG Pipeline TIF District. I am planning to work on the development of this proposed TIF district so that the Town Council may begin acting on the district at the June 9th Town Council meeting.

If anyone has some additional suggestions for TIF projects please let me know so I can incorporate them into the TIF application to be reviewed and approved by the Town Council.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS

I am working with CGI Communications, Fairfield and Oakland to produce brief promotional videos of our region. The videos will be incorporated into our websites and funded through business sponsorships. There is no cost to us for this project

Department Reports

Reports were received from the Assessor, Code Enforcement, Police Department, Public Works, Fire Department, Parks & Recreation and Library.

- b. Treasurer’s warrant approved and signed by the Finance Committee during the Month of April.

No. 20.....\$ 804,225.92

Total \$ 804.225.92

- c. Financial Report

Motion by Mr. Twitchell and seconded by Mr. Quirion to approve all reports.
Motion carried. Unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 4-2014: Providing for an Amendment to Chapter 2 of the Winslow Ordinances, adding the Agricultural Commission Charter. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mr. Quirion to adopt Ordinance No. 4-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Catherine Nadeau—Yes Ben Twitchell—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes Jerry Quirion—Yes
Ken Fletcher—Yes Steve Russell—Yes
Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

2. Order No. 1-2014: Providing for A Request for the Sale of Town Owned Property. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Caron to adopt Order 1-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Ben Twitchell—Yes	Ken Fletcher—Yes
Jerry Quirion—Yes	Ray Caron—Yes
Steve Russell—Yes	Catherine Nadeau—Yes
Gerald Saint Amand—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

3. Order No. 2-2014: Providing for Approval of the Town of Winslow 2014-2015 Fiscal Budget Series in the amount of \$21,284,338 and to Establish a Tax Due Date and Interest Rate on Taxes Remaining Unpaid. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adopt Order No. 2-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Steve Russell—Yes	Ben Twitchell—Yes
Jerry Quirion—Yes	Catherine Nadeau—Yes
Ken Fletcher—Yes	Ray Caron—Yes
Gerald Saint Amand—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 6-2014: Providing for an amendment to Chapter 2 of the Winslow Ordinances, Article 18 Excise Tax. (First Reading) Sponsored by Ray Caron.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to accept the First Reading of Ordinance No. 6-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Ken Fletcher—Yes	Steve Russell—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes	Ben Twitchell—Yes
Catherine Nadeau—Yes	Jerry Quirion—Yes
Gerald Saint Amand—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

2. Order No. 4-2014: Providing for The Expenditure of Funds From the Capital Improvement Fund. (First Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to accept the First Reading of Order No. 4-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Jerry Quirion—Yes	Catherine Nadeau—Yes
Steve Russell—Yes	Ben Twitchell—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes	Ken Fletcher—Yes
Gerald Saint Amand—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

3. Order No. 5-2014: Providing for Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into a Two-Year PSAP Call Handling Agreement with the Somerset County Communications Center. (First Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mr. Quirion to accept the First Reading of Order No. 5-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Ray Caron—Yes	Ken Fletcher—Yes
Catherine Nadeau—Yes	Ben Twitchell—Yes
Steve Russell—Yes	Jerry Quirion—Yes
Gerald Saint Amand—Yes	

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

4. Resolution No. 13-2014: Providing for Approval for an Assignment of the Franchise and the Cable System to Comcast Corporation. (One Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adopt Resolution No. 13-2014. After a brief discussion, a motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to Table Resolution No. 13-2014 until the transaction has been approved.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

5. Resolution No. 14-2014: Providing for the Acceptance of Forfeiture Assets Obtained by the Kennebec County District Attorney's Office. (One Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adopt Resolution No. 14-2014.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk of Winslow Maine